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SUBJECT: FNM – MEETINGS – 2005 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY
NATIONAL MEETING AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

Action Requested by June 30, 2005

Purpose: To transmit information on the 2005 National Training Conference of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

Expiration Date: August 5, 2005

The 2005 National Meeting and Training Conference of the Soil and Water Conservation Society will be held in Rochester, New York on July 30 - August 4, 2005.

This year's conference topics are *Managing landscapes for environmental quality, Assessing and communicating the effectiveness of conservation and environmental programs, The Growing debate around water use, and Consumer demand and policy effects on agricultural resources*. These areas will be carried out in concurrent sessions, workshops and symposia as well as in the poster presentations. There will also be special training opportunities for students. Additional information and registration materials can be found on the society's website:

<http://www.swcs.org/>.

The following attendance categories will be considered for approval on a government time and expense basis:

- Presenting a topical paper, poster or other agenda fulfillment
- Receiving an award, citation or commendation
- Regional or Chapter Officer or chapter representative
- Training (providing or fulfilling a training need)
- Participating on the program as a moderator or speaker
- SWCS National Officers or board members

NRCS encourages attendance and participation by employees in career related professional organizations that enhance career development and professionalism. **Time spent traveling outside of work hours is not considered work for overtime, compensatory time, or accrual of credit leave.**

Other employees may request to attend on a *government time only* basis if none of the above criteria is satisfied.

All participants will be responsible for making their individual hotel and travel arrangements and for registering for the conference. The deadline for early registration is June 30th.

Employees must request approval from their supervisor to attend. Supervisors approving employees to attend this meeting are to submit the names through the appropriate ASTC (FO) to Charles Montgomery, SAO, by June 30th 2005.

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